

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 December 1953	2. LOCATION Little Rock AFB, Arkansas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 06/0451Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE falling	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round obj, diameter of lead pencil, yellow w/reddish fringes becoming dull red glow just before disappearance. Obj fell straight down.		11. COMMENTS The description, time duration & flight path is characteristic of a meteor.	

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(2) Description of Course of Object:

(a) Was walking West along street waiting for a bus and saw light out of corner of his eye. Appeared to be over Bldg. #710 directly to South of him and object was traveling in upward arc toward the chapel to the east and had started downward as the light went out at a point just beyond the chapel.

(b) See attached diagram.

(c) Appeared to be quite high up unable to give estimate.

(d) Going in straight line but in an arc pattern first up then down.

(e) Instantaneously as lights went out towards the southwest.

(f) Object visible for 2 to 3 seconds.

(3) Manner of Observation:

(a) Ground visual.

(b) None used. Observer does not wear glasses.

(c) N/A

(4) Time and Date of Sighting:

(a) 1305 Zulu time (1905 Central Standard Time)
13 December 1958.

(b) Night, clear and good visibility.

(5) Observer was on 6th Street near the Auto Hobby Shop walking west toward the shop at time of sighting. Hobby shop is located in about the center of the Little Rock AFB (36 by 92 degrees, 20 degrees north).

(6) Identifying information on observer:

(a) N/A

(b) Military; George M. Yancy, AF 13117142, W/1st, A & E Squadron (here on TDY from Columbus AFB, Mississippi). Reliability not known but is older Master Sergeant.

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(7) Weather and Winds Aloft Conditions at time and place of sighting:

(a) Observer stated weather was clear and cold and visibility was very good.

(b) Weather Detachment reports show wind direction and velocity as follows: At ground level weather was clear with 15 mile visibility with wind from north at 2 knots and temperature at 22 degrees. Wind direction and velocity was shown at:

6000 as 38 knots at 320 degrees.

10000 as 52 knots at 310 degrees.

16000 Nothing available.

20000 Nothing available.

30000 Nothing available.

50000 Nothing available.

80000 Nothing available.

(c) Ceiling was unlimited.

(d) Visibility was 15 miles.

(e) No clouds.

(f) None.

(8) See below.

(9) None. Incident not reported for 18 hours.

(10) Appeared to be over barracks area of Little Rock AFB traveling in southeasterly direction. Only altitude estimate was that it was "extremely high up." Does not recall seeing or hearing any planes in the area at the time and the unidentified object did not make any audible noise.

(11) Observations of the observer by the investigating officer indicated that he is a Negro, 44 years of age, who appeared conservative in his reporting of the incident and stated he hesitated to report it lest he be considered ready for a psychiatric analysis. His estimate of the size of the unidentified object is the only point which investigating officer felt observer was in doubt and although comparison was made of a star or a quarter or a dollar, he still persisted that it was about the length of a B-47 though traveling much too fast for any plane. The observer stressed that he saw no object but that the lights indicated a continuous bright white light followed immediately at the rear by a red light but this did not appear as a tail stream.

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Observer stated he had just come from the barracks and was waiting for a bus to take him into town. He stated he had had nothing to drink at the time, but did have something to drink later when he got into town. He worked Sunday afternoon and called OSI when he got to work at 1330 hours.

(12) No physical evidence was obtained.

2. Investigating officer interviewed Major Joseph G. Gamble, Commander, Detachment 13, 26th Weather Squadron, MATB, Little Rock AFB to obtain weather information. Major Gamble when told of the reason for the interview stated he had been driving from his Base quarters to the Club shortly after 1900 hours, 13 December 1958, when his wife called his attention to a rapidly moving bright yellow light with a red fringe which seemed to be traveling above the Base at a very rapid speed and which seemed to go out while still over the Base. He was driving along the street from the officers residence quarters which runs in an easterly direction and the light appeared to be traveling towards the earth in a southeasterly direction. However, he believed it was a large meteorite, the largest he had ever seen, and gave the matter no further thought. He stated it did not have the appearance of a cigar-shaped light, but was more like a flare. Attached is a drawing of the area of the incident showing the location of the observer and Major Gamble.

3. Major Gamble showed the writer a disposition form sent in to Barksdale AFB, 26th Weather Squadron in reference to a report of an unidentified flying object seen over Little Rock AFB on the night of 5 December 1958 by weather observer A/2C Charles A. Scalero which was also seen by the tower "1. weather observer on duty at 2251 G, 5 December 1958, sighted an unidentified object or light on approximate bearing of 105 degrees, first visible 4 to 5 degrees above horizon, falling straight down. It appeared as a bright glow, yellow with red fringes, and appeared to resemble a flare. Observer thought it was very close to station (LRAFB). A check made with the Memphis and Nashville Control Tower revealed the sighting of a similar object to the east and northeast, respectively. I do not know if any checks were made further to the east or not. It appeared to be a meteorite but this report is forwarded for whatever value it is. (Signed Joseph G. Gamble, Major USAF, Commander, Detachment 13, 26th Weather Squadron; A/2C Charles A. Scalero was off duty until 18 December 1958.)"

4. Major Gamble further reported that A/2C William R. Eudaly, the control operator in the tower, had also observed the same light as seen by Scalero. While talking with Major Gamble, A/1C R. E. Rabon, AF 14582606, assigned to weather detachment 13, overheard part of the conversation and stated he had seen an unusually bright light about

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the size of a B-47 about 1900 hours 14 December 1958, while driving on Highway 67 east from North Little Rock, Arkansas with A/1C Gaetano Mazza, AF 11271009. He saw a bright light flash across the sky which appeared to be over the Little Rock AFB (approximately 7 miles away) which appeared to travel horizontally to the ground for about 30 seconds and then explode like a fireworks rocket. A/1C Mazza stated when his attention was called to the light by A/1C Rabon that he only saw it for about 2 or 3 seconds before it appeared to explode. The light appeared to be about a foot long and narrow and was white in color. He also thought it went parallel to the ground in a straight line. The night was clear and the visibility was very good. It did not appear to be a meteor of which he had seen four on the night of 13 December.

5. A/2C William R. Eudaly was interviewed and stated he was in the tower as an observer on the night of 5 December 1958 when he happened to see a bright red light to the east which he first thought was a flare, but it was moving very fast and got brighter as it moved but finally went out. It was about 4 to 5 degrees above the horizon when he first noticed it and only moved about 2 degrees towards the horizon during the 2 seconds it was visible to him. He called the Air Police and was told they had not sent up a flare. Thereafter, he received a call from Adams Field inquiring if he had seen a bright light in the sky. He was told that observers at Adams Field had seen it to the east. He described the light as about the size of a quarter if placed up against the glass in the tower. He finally concluded that it was Sputnik III descending into the atmosphere since he had seen news items that it was about to fall.

6. Mr. J. J. Casper, Special Agent in Charge, Little Rock Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Post Office, Little Rock, Arkansas, advised on interview that his office had not received any information on any unidentified flying objects on 5, 13 or 14 December 1958.

7. Major Loge, Detachment 8, 10th RBS Squadron, Adams Field, Little Rock, Arkansas, was contacted by the investigating officer and advised that he had no report of any unidentified flying objects being picked up recently by his personnel.

8. Mr. Williams, Tower Operator, Adams Field, above, had no report of any unidentified flying objects on either 13 or 14 December 1958.

9. Since the incident of sighting a UFO on 14 December 1958 ended in the apparent disintegration of the object, no details on weather conditions are being submitted for that date.

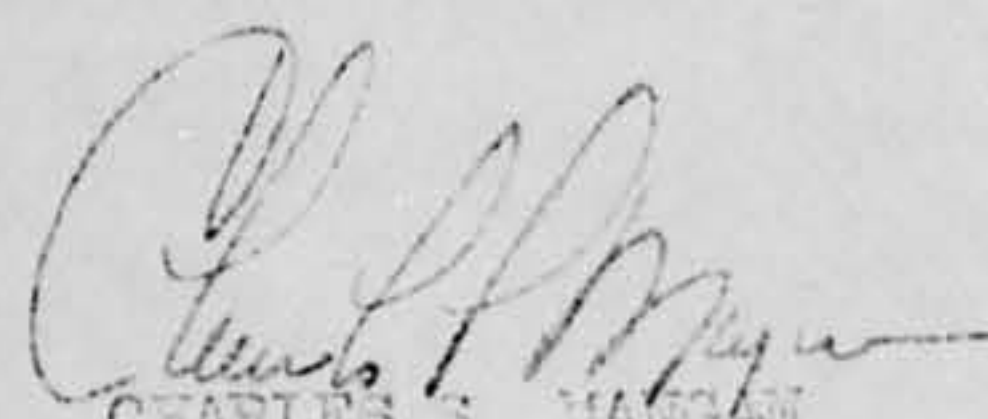
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10. It is the opinion of the investigating officer that the UFO reported on 13 December was probably a large meteor as reported by Major Gamble. However, in pursuance to AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958 and AFR 200-2A, dated 3 July 1958, the above information is submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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1. Diagram of object
2. Diagram of object's path
3. Map of Little Rock AFB

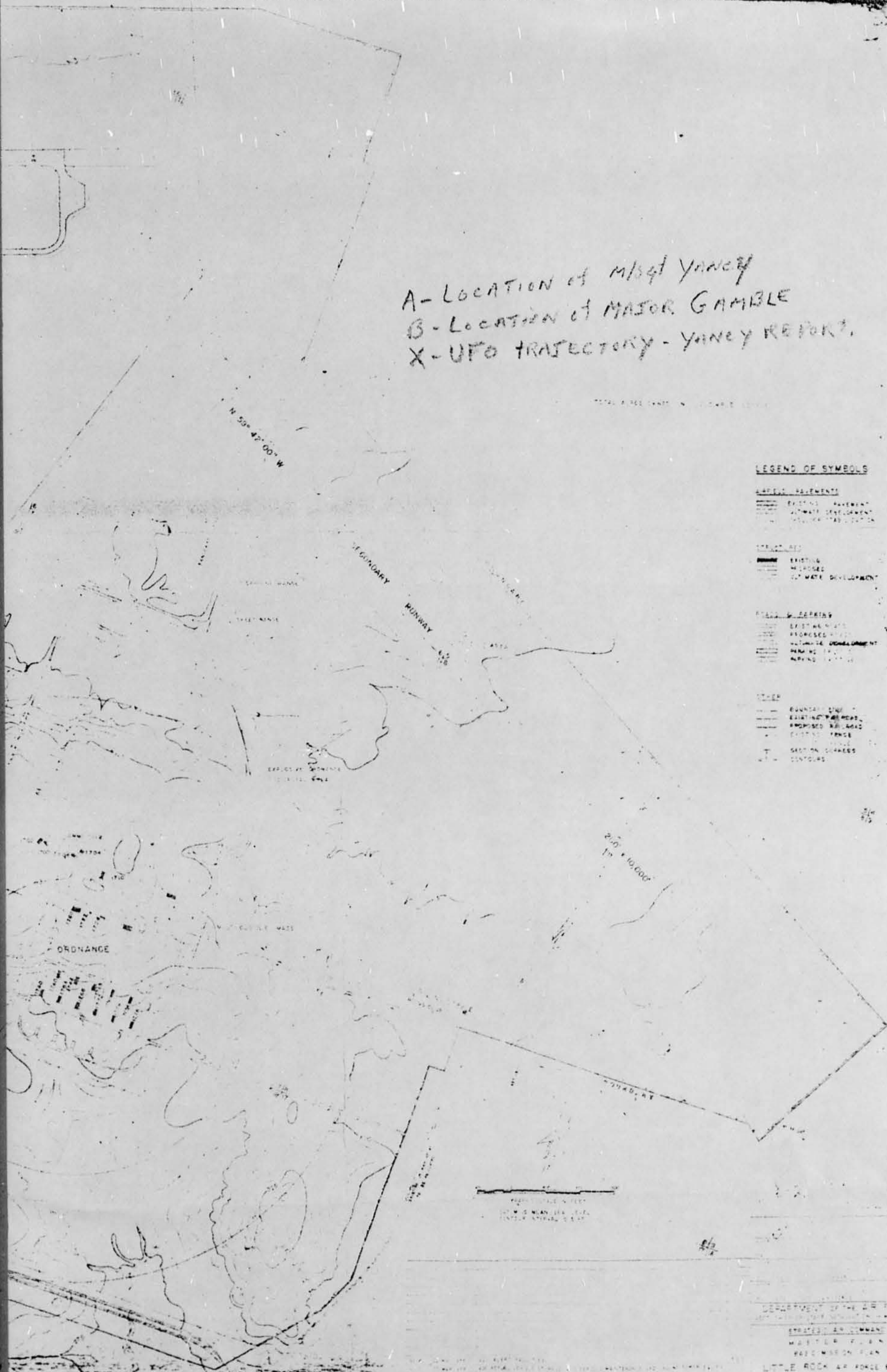


CHARLES S. MANGUM

Lt. Colonel, USAF

Director of Administrative Services

A - LOCATION of M/SGT YANCEY
 B - LOCATION of MAJOR GAMBLE
 X - UFO TRAJECTORY - YANCEY REPORT



LEGEND OF SYMBOLS

PAVED AREAS

EXISTING PAVEMENT
 PROPOSED PAVEMENT
 ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT

STREET AREAS

EXISTING
 PROPOSED
 ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT

STREET & PARKING

EXISTING
 PROPOSED
 ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT
 PARKING
 ALIEN

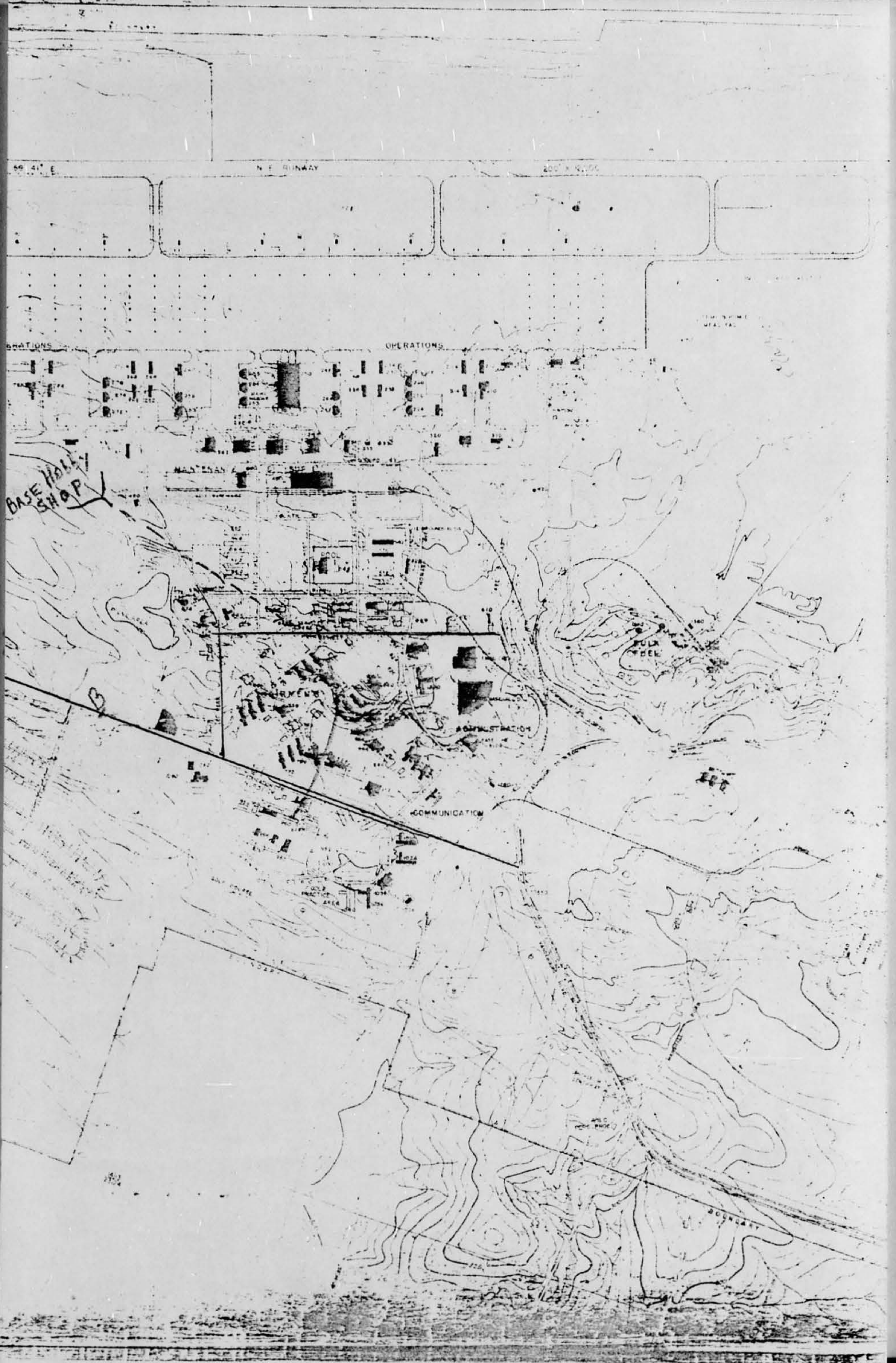
OTHER

BOUNDARY LINE
 EXISTING FENCE
 PROPOSED FENCE
 EXISTING FENCE
 SECTION CORNERS
 CONTROLS

1 inch = 10,000 feet
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
 STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
 MASTER PLAN
 BASE MAP ON PLAN
 LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE
 JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS

REVISIONS
 DATE
 DESCRIPTION





N 70° 50' 41" E

OPERATIONS

BASE HOLE
SHOP



N E RUNWAY

200' x 12,000'

OPERATIONS

MAINTENANCE

ADMINISTRATION

COMMUNICATION

ORDNANCE



HEADQUARTERS
3D WEATHER WING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA

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19 DEC 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

The inclosed copy of Quikcom 9-M-7, Subject: Unidentified Object or Light Sighting, dated 9 December 1958, is forwarded for your information. The information is not complete according to AFR 200-2. We have directed our Detachment Commander to re-accomplish and re-submit this report in compliance with AFR 200-2..

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Cy of Quikcom 9-M-7

fa *William F. Forster*
BERNARD F. FORSTER
Lt Colonel, USAF
Operations Officer

A - LOCATION of M/34 YANNEY
 B - LOCATION of MAJOR GAMBLE
 X - UFO TRAJECTORY - YANNEY REPORT

TOTAL AREA COVERED BY THE MAP IS 1000 ACRES

LEGEND OF SYMBOLS

EXISTING PLACEMENTS

EXISTING PLACEMENT
 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
 ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT

TRAJECTORY

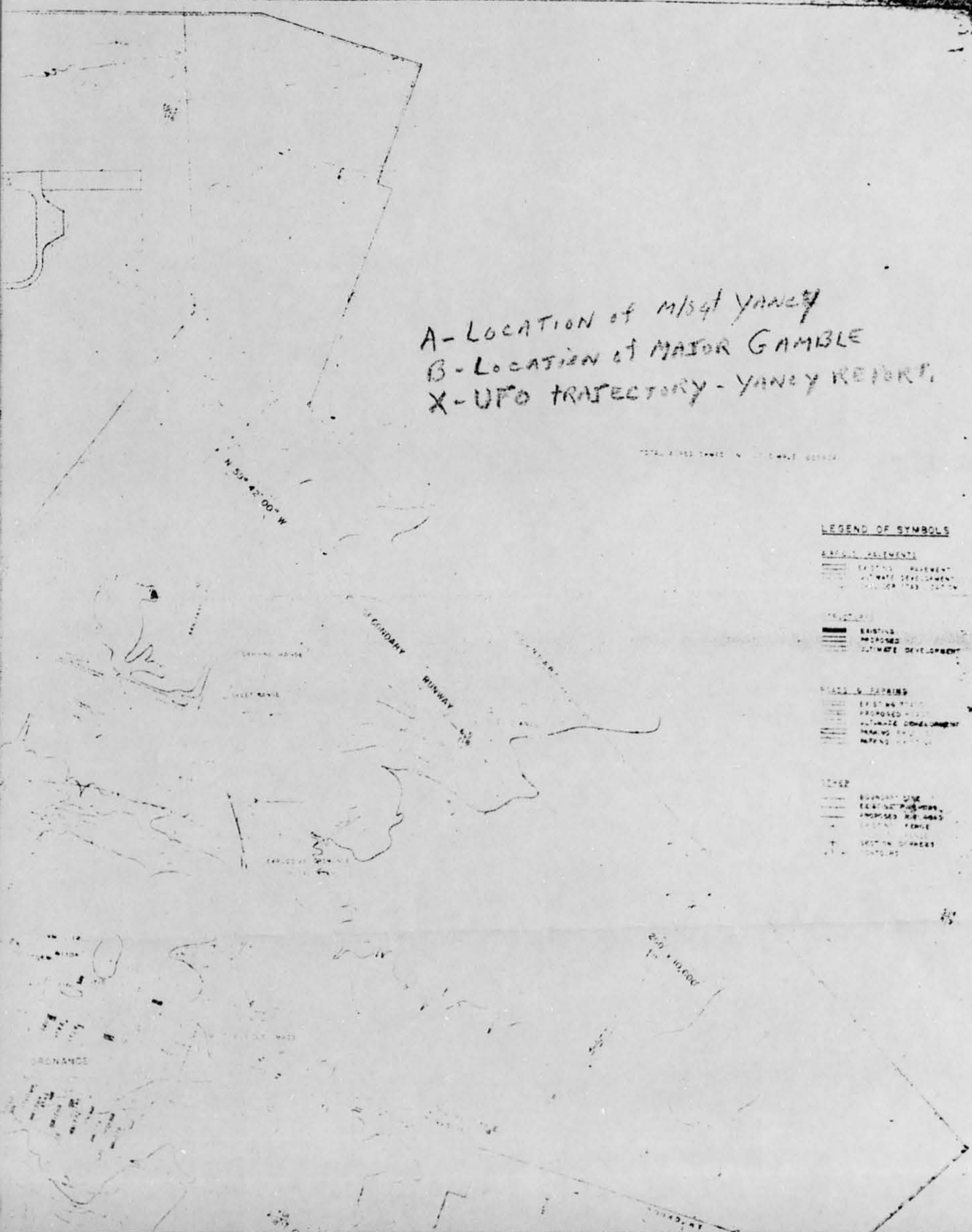
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ROADS & FENCES

EXISTING ROAD
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 FENCE
 WATER

OTHER

BOUNDARY LINE
 EXISTING FENCE
 PROPOSED FENCE
 EXISTING FENCE
 SECTION OF FENCE
 FENCE



DETACHMENT 13
26TH WEATHER SQUADRON
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Little Rock Air Force Base
Arkansas

26WSD13

9 January 1959

SUBJECT: UFO

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. Description of the object.

- a. Shape-round.
- b. Size comparable to diameter of common lead pencil held at arms length.
- c. Color - yellow with reddish fringes becoming dull red glow just before disappearance.
- d. Number - one.
- e. N/A.
- f. None.
- g. None.
- h. None.
- i. None.

2. Description of Course of Object.

- a. Bright light first seen by observer already looking in direction of appearance.
- b. Elevation -4-5 degrees above horizon. Azimuth - bearing of 105 degrees.
- c. Elevation - less than 1 degree above horizon. Azimuth - bearing of 105 degrees.

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- d. Object appeared to fall straight down.
- e. Object disappeared instantaneously at or just above horizon.
- f. Duration of appearance - estimated 2 seconds or less.

3. Manner of Observation.

- a. Ground-visual.
- b. None.
- c. N/A.

4. Time and Date of Sighting.

- a. 0451Z, 6 December 1958. *0451-6 = 2251*
- b. Night time darkness.

5. Location of Observer - control tower at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.

6. Identifying Information on Observer. Melvin F. Young, A/2C, Weather Observer. A/2C Young is completely reliable.

7. Weather and Winds Aloft Conditions.

- a. Clear.
- b. Surface wind - NE 7 knots.
6000 ft, 280 degrees 11 knots W
10000 ft 290 degrees 41 knots *NNW*
16000 ft 280 degrees 66 knots W
20000 ft and above not available
- c. Ceiling - none.
- d. Visibility - 15 miles plus.
- e. None.
- f. None.
- g. None.

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h. Observer first contacted the Combat Defense Force at Little Rock Air Force Base on the chance that the object or light might have been a flare released in the vicinity of the base. A check was then made with Adams Field Control Tower, Little Rock, who also saw it to the east of them. Adams Field personnel checked with Memphis Tower, who had seen it to their east, and it was found that Nashville Tower had seen it to their northeast. No known further identification checks were made.

i. None.

j. Major, USAF, Commander Detachment 13, 26th Weather Squadron. It is the conclusion of the reporting officer that the object sighted was nothing more than a larger than usual meteorite.

k. None.

Joseph G. Gamble
JOSEPH G. GAMBLE
Major, USAF
Commander

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MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE		VIA			
QUIKCOM		REGULAR	AIRMAIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POUCH	COURIER
SUSPENSE	QUIKCOM CITE NUMBER	SUBJECT			
	9-M-7	Unidentified Object or Light Sighting			
TO: 26TH WEARON		FROM: Comdr 9 Dec 58 Det 13, 26TH WEARON			
<p>1. Weather observer on duty at 2251C 7 Dec 58 sighted unidentified object or light on approximate bearing of 105 degrees, first visible 4 to 5 degrees above horizon, falling straight down. It appeared as a bright glow, yellow with red fringes, and appeared to resemble flare. Observer thought it was very close to station. A check was made with Adams Field Control Tower, Little Rock, who also saw it to the east of them. They checked with Memphis Tower, who had seen it to their east, and it was found that Nashville Tower had seen it to their northeast. I do not know if any checks were made further to the east or not.</p> <p>2. This appears to me to be a meteorite, but the report is forwarded for whatever value it is.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/s/ /t/ JOSEPH G. GAMBLE Major, USAF Commander</p>					

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 13/ 1905 CST-0105Z GMT 13/0105Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj narrow like a cigar, twenty to thirty feet long. Appeared as white bright light w/a red light at the rear. All lights went out at once & obj not seen thereafter. No sound.		11. COMMENTS All info leads to the conclusion that obj was a meteor.	

70DCOI, 325th Air Division, 24 Dec 59, Subj: Flying
Object Little Rock Air Force Base

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HQ AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado
Springs, Colorado

31 DEC 1958

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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HEADQUARTERS
825TH AIR DIVISION
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE
JACKSONVILLE, ARKANSAS

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24 DEC 1958

SUBJECT: Flying Object Little Rock Air Force Base

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. At 1645 hours, 14 December 1958, the OSI Detachment, this base, notified Lt Colonel Harry A. Loughran, Chief of Intelligence; 70th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, this base, of a report received at 1330 hours that date of an unidentified flying object seen over Little Rock AFB at 1905 hours, 13 December 1958. Colonel Loughran conducted the following preliminary investigation.

a. M/Sgt George M. Yancy, AF13117142, 70th A&E Squadron, 70th SRW on TDY from Columbus AFB, Mississippi who reported the above incident to the OSI, was interviewed and furnished the following information, following format set forth in AFR 200-2, 5 February 1958.

(1) Description of Object:

- (a) Shape: Narrow like a cigar.
- (b) Size: Twenty (20) to thirty (30) feet long and narrow.
- (c) Color: The shape was not identifiable but it appeared as a long straight white (fluorescent) bright light with a red light at the rear.
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A
- (f) Only lights seen.
- (g) None noticed.
- (h) No sound heard.
- (i) All lights went out at once and object not seen thereafter.